



REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

With regard to the election requirement, Applicant has cancelled claims 16 and 21-22, thus rendering the requirement moot.

Claims 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 for a minor wording error. In response, Applicant has amended claim 19 as per the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding §112 rejections against claims 19 and 20 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Baxter Jr. Applicant respectfully disagrees since the claims were never intended to be misread onto the turn-of-the-century contraption illustrated in Baxter Jr. Nevertheless, in an effort to prevent Applicants claims from being misread onto Baxter Jr., Applicant has amended claim 1 to make it clear that the solenoid coil is positioned between the first and second armatures. Baxter Jr., on the other hand, shows the features identified as its armatures as being positioned on the same side of its coil. Therefore, because a reference must show exactly what an Applicant has claimed in order to support a §102(b) rejection, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding §102(b) rejections based upon Baxter Jr. be withdrawn.

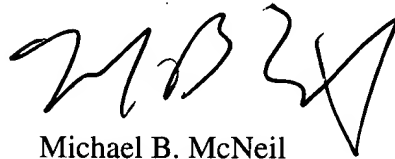
Claims 5, 7 and 9 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicant has amended these claims into independent form. A check in the amount of \$258.00 is included herewith to cover the excess independent claim fees. The Director is authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to deposit account number 500226.

Claims 10-18 stand allowed. In addition, claims 19-20 would be allowable if amended to overcome the §112 rejection. Applicants have done this, and appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1-15 and 17-20. However, if the Examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put this

application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB McNeil', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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